Technical Memorandum TSB-M-18(3)C Corporation Tax May 25, 2018

Summary of Corporation Tax Changes Enacted in the 2018-2019 Budget Bill

The following corporation tax changes were part of the 2018-2019 New York State budget and are briefly discussed in this memo:

- Empire State musical and theatrical production credit
- Hire a veteran credit
- New York youth jobs program tax credit
- Rehabilitation of historic properties credit
- Statute of limitations on amended returns

In addition, the following budget changes will be discussed in future guidance:

- Foreign-derived intangible income (FDII)
- Global intangible low-tax income (GILTI)
- Limits on interest deductions for businesses
- Low-income housing credit
- Mandatory repatriation

Empire State musical and theatrical production credit (Article 9-A)

The Empire state musical and theatrical production credit has been extended and will now expire on January 1, 2023. Previously, the credit was due to expire on January 1, 2019. This credit is available to qualified musical and theatrical production companies and is administered by Empire State Development (ESD).

For more information on this credit, see <u>TSB-M-15(1)C</u>, Summary of Budget Bill Corporation Tax Changes Enacted in 2014, or visit ESD's website at <u>www.esd.ny.gov</u>.

[Part III of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2018; Part HH of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2014; Tax Law §§ 24-a and 210-B(47)]

Hire a veteran credit (Articles 9-A and 33)

The hire a veteran credit has been extended through tax year 2020. Previously, the last tax year the credit could be claimed was 2018.

The credit is available to employers for hiring and employing, for not less than one year and not less than 35 hours each week, qualified veterans. To be eligible, a qualified veteran must now begin employment prior to January 1, 2020.

For more information on this credit, see:

- TSB-M-13(9)C, (8)I, Hire a Veteran Credit
- TSB-M-16(8)C, (6)I, Summary of Changes to Existing Tax Credits Enacted as Part of the 2016-2017 New York State Budget

[Part Q of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2018; Tax Law §§ 210-B(29) and 1511(g-1)]

New York youth jobs program tax credit (Article 9-A)

The New York Youth Jobs Program encourages businesses to hire unemployed, disadvantaged youth, ages 16 to 24, who live in New York State. This program is administered by the New York State Department of Labor (DOL).

For tax years beginning **on or after January 1, 2018**, the credit amounts for each certified youth have been increased as follows:

Employment period	Prior Amount		New Amount	
	Full-time	Part-time*	Full-time	Part-time*
Monthly credit for first 6 months	\$500	\$250	\$750	\$375
Credit after additional 6 consecutive months	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$750
Credit for additional year**	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$750

^{*}A part-time job is a job of at least 20 hours per week, or 10 hours per week when the certified youth is enrolled in high school full-time.

For tax years beginning **on or after January 1, 2019**, changes will be made to how the program is administered.

Qualified employers will continue to submit applications to participate in the program to DOL. If approved, the employer will receive a preliminary certificate of eligibility from DOL that will state the maximum amount of tax credit that the employer may be allowed to claim and the program year in which it may be claimed.

Qualified employers will be required to submit an annual report to DOL. The report is due on or before January 31st of the calendar year after the payment of wages to a certified youth. The report must show that the employer has satisfied all eligibility requirements and must provide all the information necessary for DOL to compute a final credit amount.

If DOL approves the report and eligibility for the credit, it will issue a final certificate of tax credit to the qualified employer.

Employers who file a calendar-year tax return may claim the credit for the tax year for which the final certificate of tax credit was issued. If the employer is a fiscal tax year filer, the employer may claim the credit on the tax return for the fiscal year that includes the date that the final certificate of tax credit was issued.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, qualified employers claiming the credit must attach the final certificate of tax credit issued by DOL to their tax return.

For more information on this credit, visit the DOL website at www.labor.ny.gov.

^{**} After the completion of the first two time periods and all the employment conditions were met for those time periods.

[Part R of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2018; Labor Law § 25-a; Tax Law § 210-B(36)]

Rehabilitation of historic properties credit (Articles 9-A and 33)

The enhanced rehabilitation of historic properties credit has been extended to tax years beginning before January 1, 2025. The enhanced credit is equal to 100% of the federal rehabilitation credit allowed under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 47(c)(3) for the rehabilitation of a certified historic structure located in New York State. The credit cannot exceed \$5 million per structure.

Upon expiration of the enhanced credit provisions, the credit will be equal to 30% of the federal rehabilitation credit allowed under IRC § 47(c)(3) for the rehabilitation of a certified historic structure located in New York State. The credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, cannot exceed \$100,000 per structure.

The 2018-2019 NYS Budget decoupled from a new federal law requiring the credit to be claimed over five years, so New York taxpayers may continue to claim 100% of the credit in the year the certified historic structure is placed in service.

The Budget also made two modifications to the requirement that the rehabilitation project be located within a census tract that is at or below 100% of the state median family income. The median family income calculation which uses the most recent five-year estimate from the American community survey published from the United States Census Bureau, is shifted from January 1 each year to April 1 each year. Also, a census tract will remain eligible for the credit for two additional years if there is a change in the most recent five-year estimate and the census tract qualified before the new estimate was released.

For more information on this credit, see <u>TSB-M-13(4)C, (2)I</u>, *Amendments to the Rehabilitation of Historic Properties Credit.*

[Part RR of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2018; Tax Law §§ 210-B(26) and 1511(y)].

Statute of limitations on amended returns (Article 9-A)

The statute of limitations has been extended for assessments based on changes or corrections reported on amended returns. Generally, the Department may now issue an assessment on an amended return until the later of:

- one year from the date the amended return was filed, or
- three years from the date the original return was filed.

This change applies to amended returns filed on or after April 12, 2018.

[Part H of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2018; Tax Law § 1083(c)(12)]

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